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# Probabilistic Remaining Useful Life Prediction of Composite Aircraft Components, Phase II



Completed Technology Project (2012 - 2014)

#### **Project Introduction**

A Probabilistic Fatigue Damage Assessment Network (PFDAN) toolkit for Abaqus will be developed for probabilistic life management of a laminated composite structure with both microcracking induced stiffness degradation and cyclic loading induced delamination crack growth without remeshing. It is based on a high fidelity Fatique Damage Assessment Network (FDAN) which includes 1) a coupled continuum damage and discrete crack model for ply damage characterization; 2) a moment schema finite element coupled with XFEM for efficient crack growth simulation in a thin ply; 3) a mixed mode fatique delamination module to account for the mode mixity and failure mode interaction; and 4) an adaptive fracture process zone model for mesh independent delamination growth. A reduced-order model of FDAN will be generated using a combined response surface and a Gaussian process surrogate model builder to perform the subsequent probabilistic analysis efficiently. For the module verification and validation, experimental studies at the sub-component level will be performed along with the use of a damage monitoring and characterization system. The developed toolkit will be used to perform damage prognosis and risk informed life management using SHM data. GEM has secured commitments for technical support and commercialization assistance from Clarkson University, Sikorsky Aircraft, and Boeing.

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**





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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Global Engineering and	Lead	Industry	East Lyme,
Materials, Inc	Organization		Connecticut
• Ames Research Center(ARC)	Supporting	NASA	Moffett Field,
	Organization	Center	California

Primary U.S. Work Locations		
California	Connecticut	

#### **Project Transitions**

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May 2012: Project Start



May 2014: Closed out

#### **Closeout Documentation:**

• Final Summary Chart(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/138426)

#### **Images**



#### **Project Image**

Probabilistic Remaining Useful Life Prediction of Composite Aircraft Components (https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/134539)

## Organizational Responsibility

# Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Organization:**

Global Engineering and Materials, Inc

#### **Responsible Program:**

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### **Project Management**

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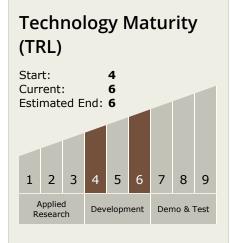


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### **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

- TX12 Materials, Structures, Mechanical Systems, and Manufacturing
  - └ TX12.2 Structures
    - ─ TX12.2.4 Tests, Tools and Methods

### **Target Destinations**

The Moon, Mars, Outside the Solar System, The Sun, Earth, Others Inside the Solar System

